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February 22, 2008

**BY FAX (212-805-7902)**

Honorable Deborah A. Batts  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re:    United States v. Josue Mendez et. al., 07 Cr. 533 (DAB)**

Dear Judge Batts:

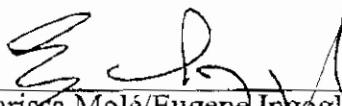
A pre-trial conference was previously set in the above-referenced case for February 26, GRANTED 2/22/2008 at 4:30 p.m. The Government and the defense respectfully request that the conference be adjourned, and rescheduled to a date convenient for the Court after April 1, 2008.

The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded from speedy trial calculations until that date. The Government has produced discovery to the defense counsel, who are reviewing it, and is having discussions about the possibility of disposition with counsel. GRANTED 2/22/2008 Seth C. Farber, Esq., William Stampur, Esq. Alan Haber, Esq. and Charles Hochbaum, Esq. have no objection to the exclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. GARCIA  
United States Attorney

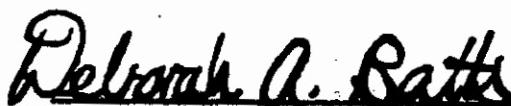
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The conference is now  
scheduled to take place  
Monday, April 7, 2008 at  
10:30 am. In the interests  
of justice time is excluded  
from Speedy Trial calculations  
until that date.

cc: William J. Stampur, Esq. (by facsimile)  
Seth C. Farber, Esq. (by facsimile)  
Charles S. Hochbaum, Esq. (by facsimile)  
Allan P. Haber, Esq. (by facsimile)

**SO ORDERED**

  
DEBORAH A. BATTS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE